

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I provide cell phones for several people who do not have means to get them on their own. These are people who are not able to hold jobs or have their income due to mental disabilities. The phones I provide are from TracFone, which charges a low fee for one year's worth of service and 150 minutes of airtime. I provide these in case they should have an emergency. I can barely afford to provide these phones as it is.

To that end, I don't want to pay more for cellular telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am extremely concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable, and could put one of those in my charge into an emergency situation with no method of calling for help.

Under the flat fee proposal you're considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is VERY unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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